



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q77574

Hideaki SHIGA, et al.

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Group Art Unit: 3654

Confirmation No.: 9198

Examiner: John Quoc NGUYEN

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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Examiner has identified the application as containing claims directed to two (2) distinct species. The Examiner has required the Applicants to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted. The Examiner believes there are no generic claims. Applicants have been advised that a response to this requirement shall include an identification of the species that is elected and a listing of all claims readable thereon.

In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicants elect **Species II, Figure(s) 21-23** for examination on which **claim 16** is readable.

Applicants submit that if an elected claim is found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claim 15.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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